



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2023

City Manager's Message

As the back-to-school season begins, I am excited to see our City's students returning to their educational journey. Every morning, the City comes to life as families make their way to school and drop their kids off to start another year of learning. Thank you to all who help make the trek to school a safe one by following speed limits in school zones, being cautious of pedestrians, and not texting and driving. Let's continue to work together to ensure that our roads are safe for everyone.

August taught us to expect the unexpected. The City's response to the recent tropical storm showcased exceptional management and coordination. Our dedicated teams swiftly implemented preparedness plans, communicated crucial updates effectively, and worked collaboratively to ensure everyone's safety. Additionally, thank you La Verne residents for preparing yourself and taking precautions throughout the tropical storm. This unified effort reflects the resilience and strength of our community, making us even more prepared for future challenges. As September is National Preparedness Month, please take this time to prepare for natural disasters - learn more by visiting Ready.Gov.

Get ready to embrace the magic of the holiday season! The recent release of the Fall 2023 Recreation Guide lists scheduled events that the City is hosting throughout the holidays, including the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat, the City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony, and much more! Learn more about the Recreation Guide on page 5 of this Newsletter.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



We were pleased to see all the La Verne residents at the 40th National Night Out, especially our Junior Firefighters!

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, September 5 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:00 PM

Youth Sports Committee
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, September 18 @ 5:30 PM

Christmas Morning Study Session
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

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City Council Meeting
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Wednesday, September 20 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
La Verne Community Center

Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

The City of La Verne has 7 committees and commissions that consist of a board of La Verne residents and delegates from the City Council. They meet to discuss specialized topics focused on the City's development and maintaining the community we all enjoy. Meetings are open to the public and we encourage resident participation.

[Click here to learn more about our committees and commissions.](#)



Upcoming Events



Perk Your Park Nominations

THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER 18

The City has a chance to receive a \$75,000 grant to upgrade Las Flores Park! Help us secure votes by submitting your email address daily leading up to September 18. Click on the image to get started.



International Night

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15 @ 6:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make our community so unique! This free event will be held at the Community Center and is geared towards individuals with special needs ages 3 to 21 and their families. Pre-registration is required to receive a food ticket and can be made now through Thursday, September 14 at the Community Services Office located in City Hall at 3660 "D" Street or online at www.cityoflaverne.org.

Health and Resource Fair

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25 @ 9:00 AM

Come and visit the 3rd annual Health and Resources Fair at the Community Center on Monday, September 25 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. This fair is a free event that is open to the public and will include various health screenings and vaccinations, as well as refreshments and a free raffle. We hope to see you all there!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 9:00 AM

Have any old batteries, technology, oil, paint, and more to dispose of? Swing by the Hazardous Waste Collection event at the LA County Fair Grounds, Gate 9 on Saturday, September 23 to dispose of them! The Los Angeles County Public Works Department will collect all dropped off items from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To learn more about what items you can drop off, [click here](#).



La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the August meetings, the City Council:

- Hosted a Christmas Morning study session to discuss the logistics for the upcoming Christmas festivities and requested an additional session to allow further resident collaboration;
- Welcomed the newly hired and promoted personnel in the Fire Department;
- Honored the La Verne Girls Softball 8U and 10U All-Star teams for a stellar season;
- Presented Rilee Crosby with a certificate of recognition for qualifying and playing in the United States Golf Association's 74th U.S. Girls' Junior Championship;
- Approved the City Council Minutes of the July meetings and the August 7 meeting;
- Approved the register of audited demands;
- Convened as the Public Financing Authority to adopt the Mobile Home Park Budgets for La Verne Mobile Country Club and Valley Rancho Mobile Home Park;
- Approved the Public Financing Authority minutes;
- Continued the appointments for the Active Transportation Committee to the September 5 City Council Meeting;
- Approved a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the suspects involved in the Rodeo Jewelers robbery, and directed City staff to create a policy for monetary rewards in incidents of violent crime;
- Approved the acceptance of a settlement regarding the City of Long Beach, et. al. v. Monsanto Co., et. al. case;
- Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2023;
- Declared surplus property for the Police and Public Works Departments;
- Authorized the reduction of performance bonds for tract map no. 72428;
- Continued the public hearing for Community Facilities District No. 11-1 to the September 5 City Council Meeting; and
- Approved the final tract map for tract no. 71373.

To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at cityoflaverne.org/live to watch the video feeds of prior meetings and review the recent agendas and minutes.

City Spotlight

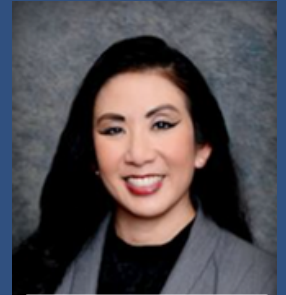
Learn more about the City of La Verne with our monthly City Spotlight!

Did you know that the City of La Verne's birthday is on August 20?

In July of 1906, a petition was submitted to the County Board of Supervisors requesting for Lordsburg to be incorporated. The petition consisted of 58 signatures from residents in the community. The board then held a meeting and motioned for an election for cityhood on August 20, 1906. In a 67 to 31 vote, the residents of Lordsburg approved cityhood. Lordsburg was later changed to be called La Verne in 1917. Happy belated birthday to La Verne!



Mayor Tim Hepburn
District 4



Mayor Pro-Tem Wendy Lau
District 5



Steve Johnson
District 1



Rick Crosby
District 2



Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita
District 3

The City in Numbers

Below are highlights of services provided by City employees in July 2023.

Public Works Department



4,208

Square feet of graffiti removed



136.4

Million gallons of water sold



5

signs replaced



297

Acres of city parks mowed



139

Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,390

participants involved in activities this month



87

Excursion participants



60

Participants in the Trail Trekkers Program

Administration Department



1,308

Calls to the City Hall Main line



7

Public Meetings



19

Records Requests

Police Department



1,727

Calls for Service



250

Reports taken



35

Traffic Collisions



207

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



255

EMS calls



8

Fire-related call



12

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department

Department



21

Solar permits issued



47

Building permits issued



1

ADU permit issued



39

Electrical permits issued



17

Mechanical permits issued



14

Plumbing permits issued



1

Sewer permit issued



Requesting Christmas Morning Input!

On August 7, the City Council hosted a study session to discuss the Christmas Morning event, a long-standing tradition in La Verne. Based on feedback from residents, the City Council will further open the conversation allowing for resident collaboration in identifying a successful event for all to enjoy. Residents may watch the study session on the City website at CityofLaVerne.org/Live to learn more. We request that residents complete the survey on the City website, [click here](#), to provide input. Residents may also submit comments by emailing christmasmorning@cityoflaverne.org. The next study session will be at City Hall on September 18 at 5:30 PM.

Battery Drop Off

Have old batteries that you would like to throw away? Battery drop off boxes are available at City Hall and the Community Center. Both are located within the buildings and are open during business hours. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and the Community Center is open from Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Fall 2023 Recreation Guide

Stay up-to-date with special events, activities, trips and classes this season with the Fall 2023 Recreation Guide! The new Recreation Guide has been mailed to homes in La Verne and is now available on the City website. [Click here](#) to dive in!



New In Town!

If you haven't been to the new Kaiba Japanese Ramen Sushi & Grill yet, it's worth a try. Available for sit-down, delivery or take-out, they recently opened at Gateway Pointe near LA Fitness at 1263 Foothill Boulevard. They have all kinds of Japanese salads, appetizers, ramen, sushi rolls & other seafood, including sushi/seafood burritos! They also offer chicken or beef entrees if sushi/seafood is not your preference. Go check them out!



Los Angeles County La Verne Library



Decorate a Desk Organizer

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 5:00 PM

Get ready for a new school year by decorating a desk organizer! All materials will be provided for students ages 6 to 12 to create custom organizers for their desk. Attendance is limited, and advanced registration is required. [Click here](#) to register!



Library Fest

SEPTEMBER 30 @ 1:00 PM

Join the LA County La Verne Library for an afternoon of fun! Design your own tote bag, create a video in our 360 Photo Booth, participate in interactive programs, enjoy face painting and magic performances, and learn with STEAM activities! To learn more, visit the La Verne Library website page at lacountylibrary.org/la-verne-library/.



Best of La Verne 2023



Explore the best of La Verne! After over 14,000 votes casted, the La Verne Chamber of Commerce announced their 2023 Best of La Verne Winners across 83 categories. Special shout out to Norm's Hangar Coffee Shop for winning four categories, Best Breakfast, Best Children's Menu, Best Diner, and Best Dog Friendly Patio. To learn more about the various winners, [click here](#).

La Verne Gold Line Station Updates

Adjacent to the future La Verne station, crews have begun preparing the future station parking site for construction. The site has recently been cleared and will soon be the first of the four future parking facilities to begin construction. The future parking lot is located just south of the station platform, and will feature 299 parking spaces and amenities for riders arriving by walking, bicycle, bus and drop-off.



Brandywine Home Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

In 2020, the City of La Verne entered into an agreement with Brandywine Homes to develop affordable housing on City-owned land purchased over 15 years ago utilizing redevelopment funds. The project recently reached completion and now contains 8 affordable single-family homes.



E & 2nd Street Project Reaches Completion

E and 2nd Street marks the first Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) project completed in the City of La Verne. In 2017, the City established the EIFD to fund infrastructure projects that will support the expected increase in development due to the extension of Metro's Light Rail System, the Gold Line. La Verne's EIFD was one of the first formed in the State, the first to partner with the County of Los Angeles, and the first to secure funding and construct a project in California.



The project at E & 2nd Street widened the previous sidewalk width by 50% while retaining the landscaped parkway features enhancing the beauty of the Old Town District. The bulb out curbs installed at the intersection help reduce the crossing length where pedestrians are exposed to traffic lanes and calm vehicle speeds. As part of the City's commitment to sustainability, the intersections and parkways feature a mix of drought tolerant plants. The project expanded street level lighting by installing twenty new energy-efficient LED decorative lights, increasing visibility and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The City also integrated storm water quality enhancing design features in the form of decorative tree wells. To learn more about the other EIFD projects in La Verne, [click here](#).

LA County Youth Opportunities

The County of Los Angeles Department of Economic Opportunity offers opportunities for youth ages 17 to 24 to explore new diverse career pathways, partner with mentors in high-growth industry sectors, and earn paid work experience and training. Participants will earn \$16.04 per hour and will work 30 to 35 hours per week. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Virtual Military Academy Day with US Congresswoman Grace Napolitano

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano will be hosting a Virtual Military Academy Day on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 AM where students, parents, and educators can learn more about educational opportunities at military academies throughout the nation. Military Academy Day is an exciting opportunity for students to discover our nation's commitment to excellence through education. The United States Government offers the opportunity to attend one of five Military Service Academies: U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis), U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Each academy offers a four-year, comprehensive program that culminates with a Bachelor of Science degree and Officer's Commission into the United States Armed Forces. Service academy representatives will be available virtually during the event to help answer questions attendees might have regarding the academy of their choice. Please note that all the academies may not be present, but questions can be submitted ahead of time in the registration link so they may be addressed during the event. To attend the meeting, please register in advance by clicking on the following zoom link: <https://ushr.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcO6gpzksGcOtVco7kzmnuNNHYXmzbz0>.

Last Chance to Explore LA County during the Foothill Transit Summer Sale

The Foothill Transit Summer Sale is back! Enjoy 50% off through September 30 for all Foothill Transit trips. [Click here](#) to view a map of the Foothill Transit Routes to plan your trips! Visit foothilltransit.org to learn more.

Women Inspiring the Next Generation of Sisterhood (WINGS) Event - Senator Susan Rubio

Join Senator Susan Rubio on September 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM for a WINGS seminar and workshop aimed at empowering young women to become leaders of tomorrow! The workshop will cover wellness, financial literacy, etiquette, and healthy relationships. The event will be hosted at El Monte High School, located at 3048 Tyler Avenue in El Monte. Advanced registration is required. [Click here](#) to learn more and register for the event. Those interested in volunteering for the event may [click here](#) to sign up.



Tri-City Mental Health Public Hearing

The Tri-City Mental Health Authority will be hosting a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. During the public hearing, representatives will share updates on programs funded by the Mental Health Services Act and open up discussion for a new Innovation Plan. The hearing will be hosted at the Tri-City Mental Health Administrative Office at 2001 North Garey Avenue in Pomona. To learn more, [click here](#) to visit the Tri-City Mental Health Authority website.



Learn More About Tri-City:

Tri-City Mental Health was established in 1906 as a Joint Powers Authority between the cities of Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona to deliver mental health services to the residents of the three cities. The organization provides holistic services for children, youth, adults and older adults alike.

SoCal Gas - Elimination of Cash Payments in the Field

Due to the economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, California utilities including SoCal Gas implemented a moratorium on disconnecting customers with unpaid bills. SoCal Gas has now resumed collections of bill payments and are collecting payments by letter, email, phone and in-person at customer's homes. SoCal Gas will no longer accept cash, checks, or money orders for the payment of bills in the field. However, SoCal Gas field employees will assist customers in paying their bill by credit card, debit card, and online payments.

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City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



City Websites

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lvpd.org
lavernefire.org



City Contacts

City Hall – (909) 596-8726
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Zoning Questions – (909) 596-8706
Passport Services – (909) 596-8700
Recreation Services – (909) 596-8700
City Weed & Tree Removal – (909) 596-8741
Community Center – (909) 596-8776
Police Department – (909) 596-1913



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